

Terheun House
Hackensack, N.J.

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
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DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY
Historic American Buildings Survey
Seymour Williams, District Officer
133 Central Ave., Rahway, N.J.

Temporary Office for Survey
744 Broad St., Newark, N.J.

Source of information - Proceeds N.J. Historical Society,
1924.

Among the most beautiful of the old Dutch houses of this section. It is claimed that the earliest part of this house was built in 1670, but this date is regarded as earlier than the authentic one, if that could be ascertained. Built by John Terhune, a French Huguenot. A descendant still lives here. The house is known to antiquarians for the beautiful half-rounded modillions it contains.

There is a modern addition but the old part retains much of its original appearance. At the end of the house towards the river stands an elm tree said to be 600 years old. (Another writer claims it may be only 150 years old) Arrow-heads and other Indian relics have been found near the old tree.

NOTE

The above history is taken from
"New Jersey Buildings and Biographical Sketches" collected and
edited by Mrs. Walter W. Jackson,
historian, of Rahway, New Jersey.

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TERHEUN HOUSE
Hackensack, Bergen County
New Jersey

Owner: Miss Cornelia Terheun.

Date of Erection: 1670 (?); about 1670 (see White Pine Series of Architectural Monographs, vol. 11, no. 3.)

Architect: John Terhune. (Terheunz).

Builder: Same.

Present Condition:

Number of Stories: One and a half.

Materials of Construction: Stone and wood.

Other Existing Records: See text.¹

Additional Data: See following pages.

¹ See also the White Pine Series of Architectural Monographs, volume 11, number 3; volume 1, number 3; Ellis, R.C., Colonial Dutch Houses in New Jersey, p. 52.